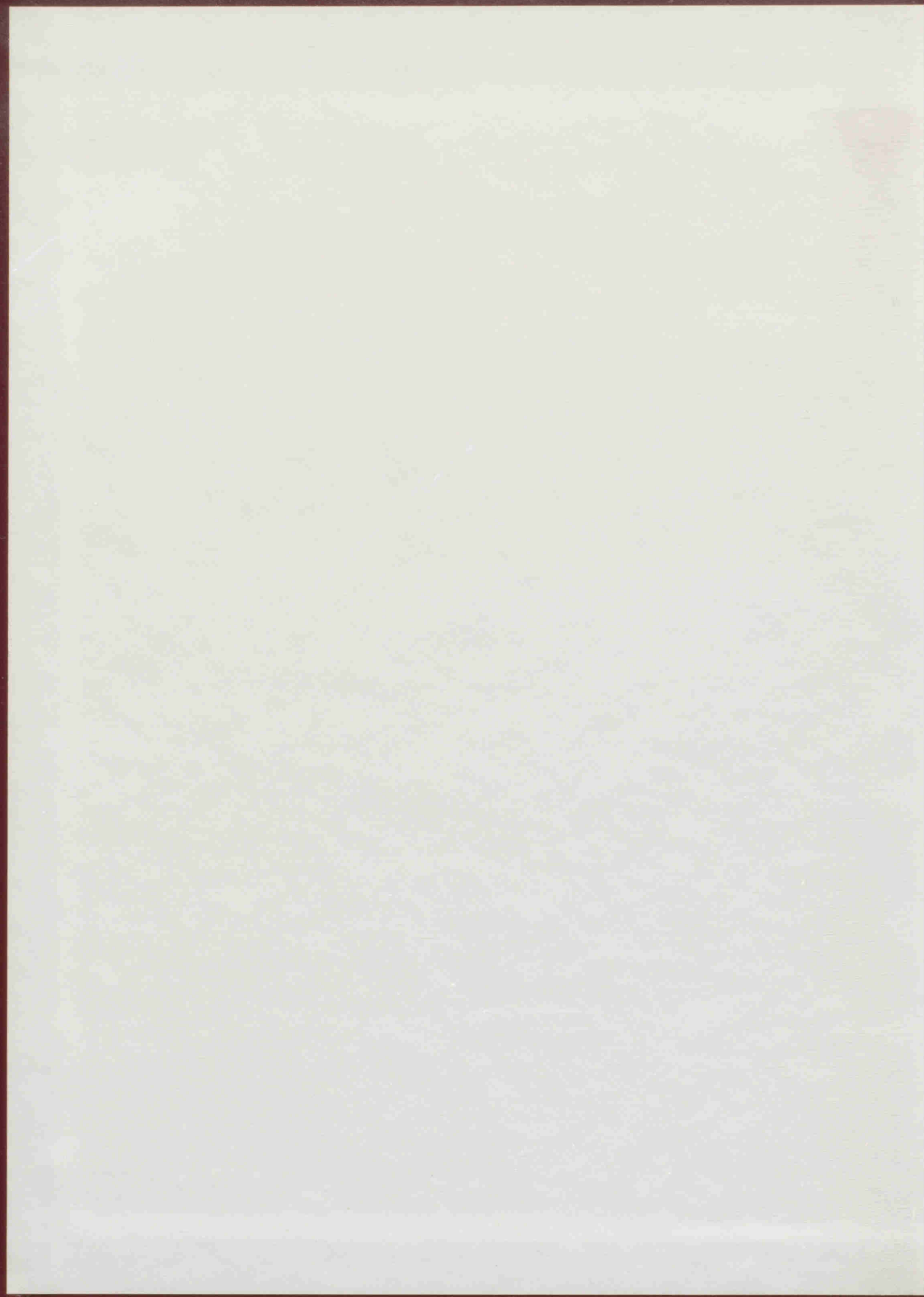
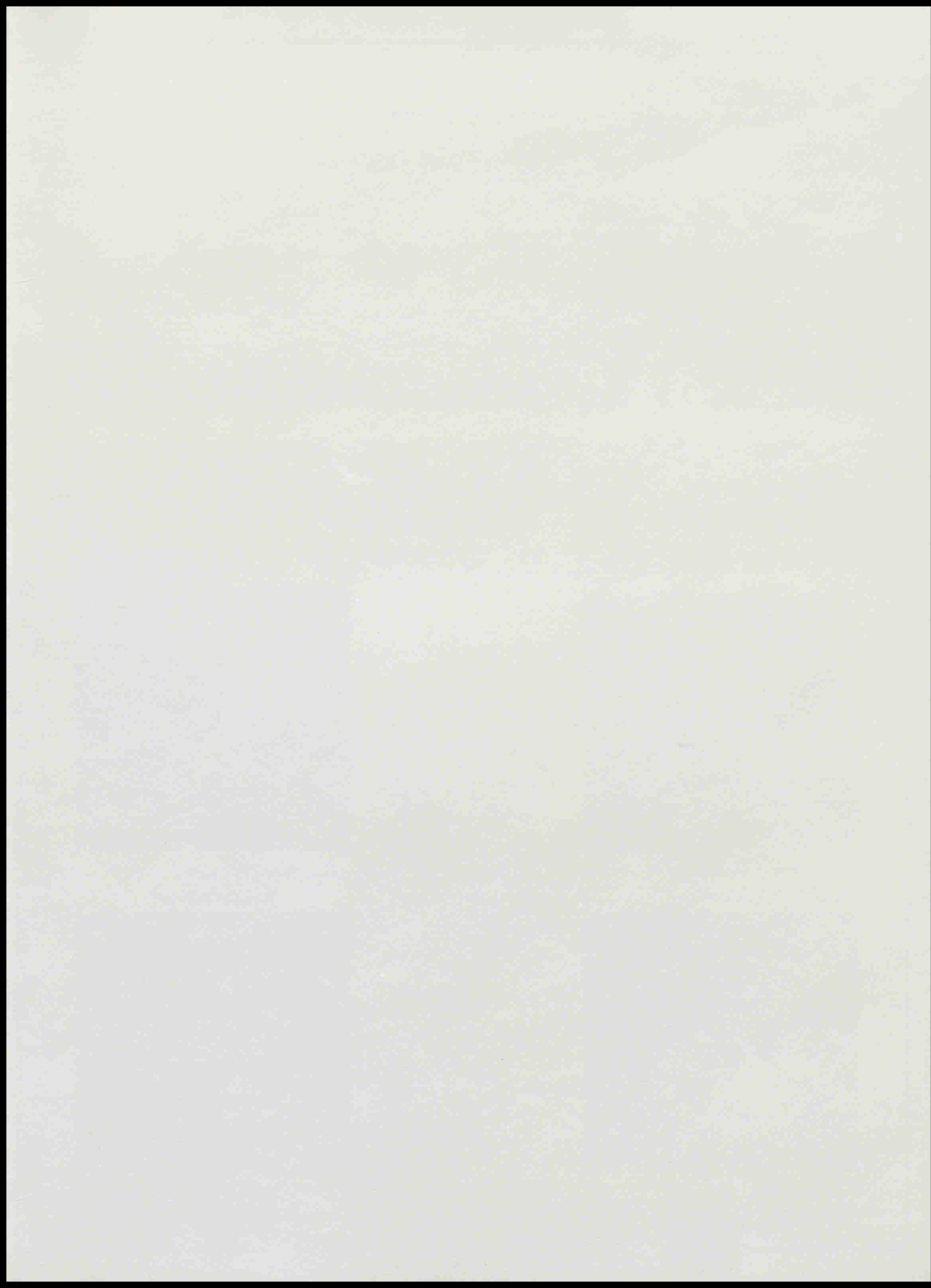
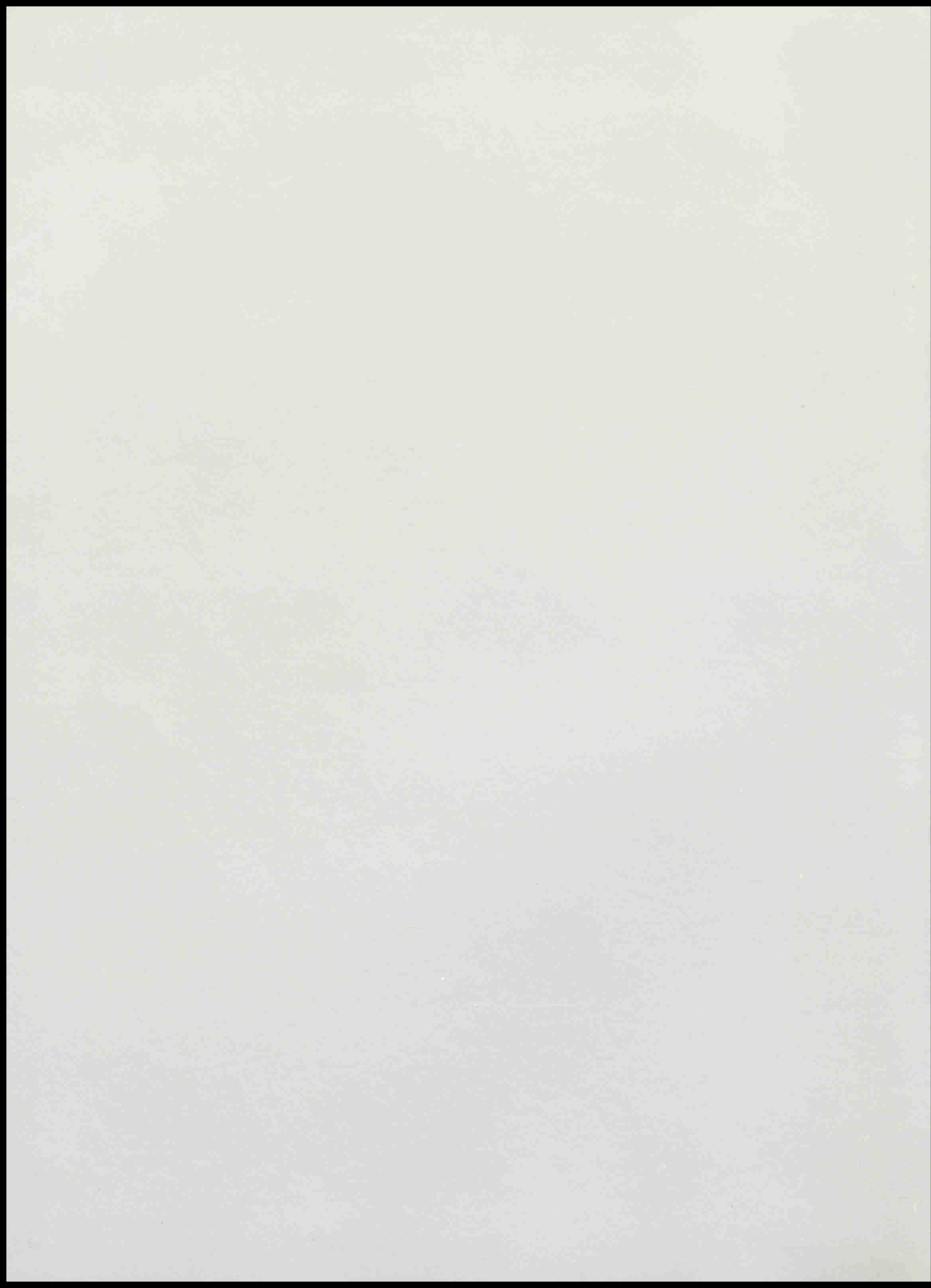


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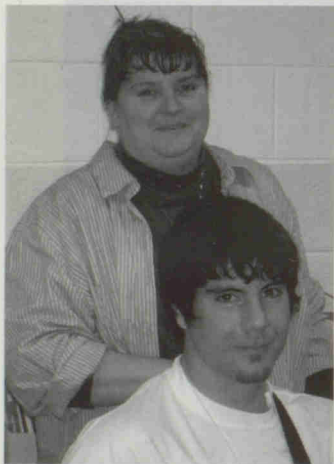
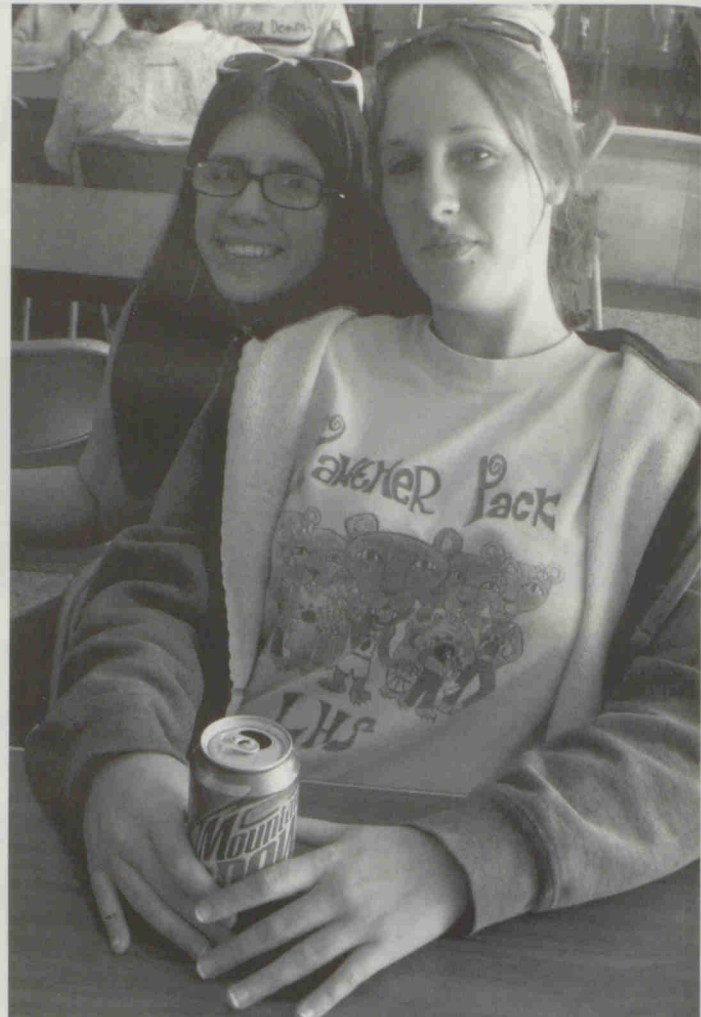
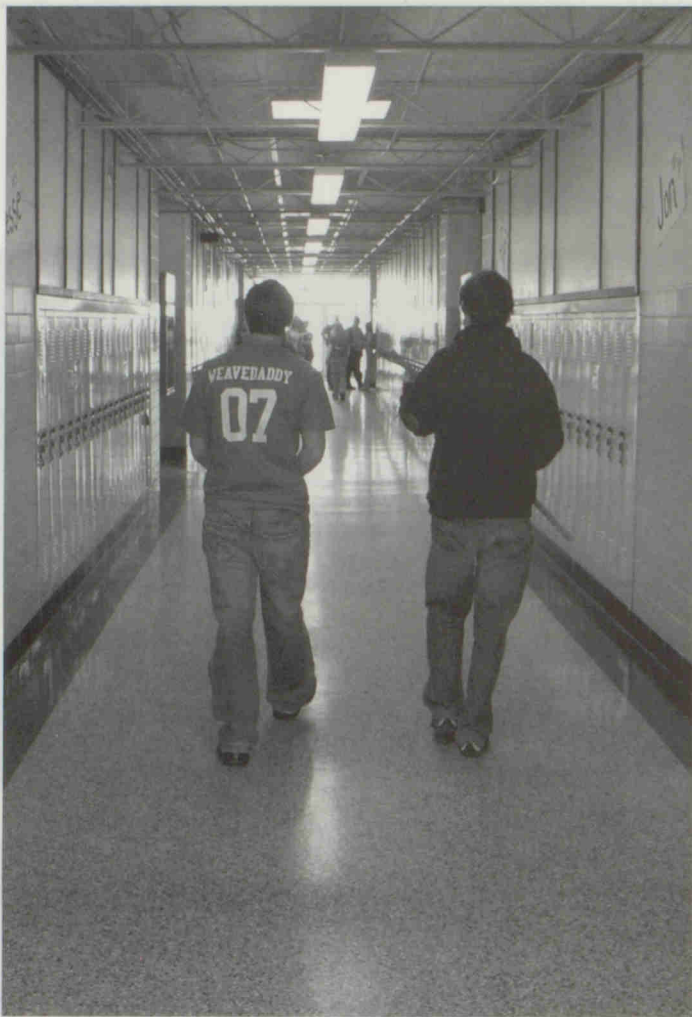
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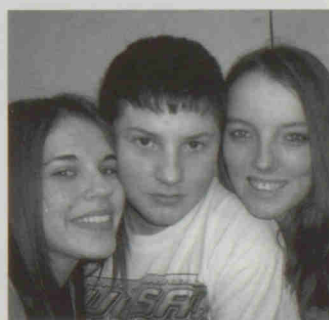
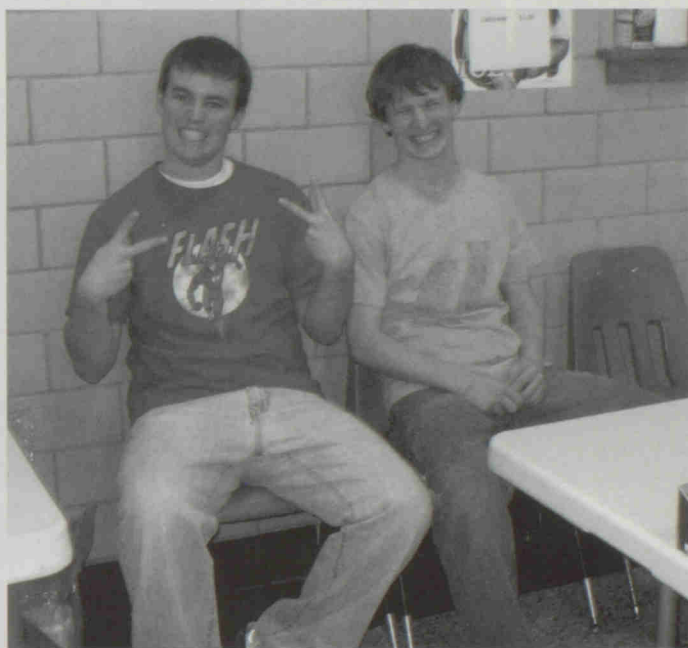
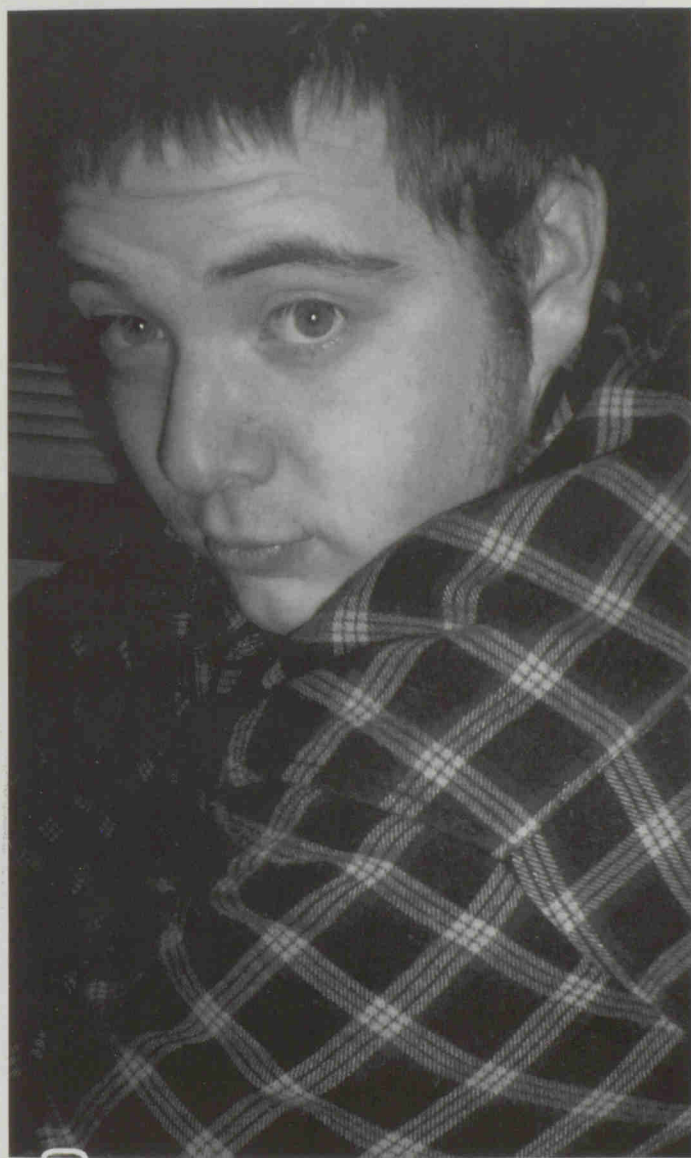
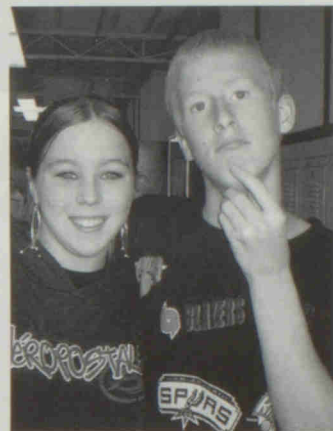


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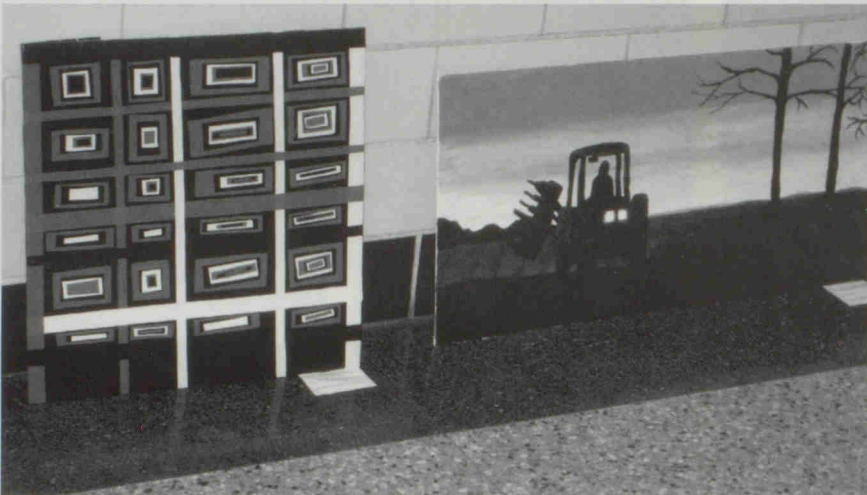
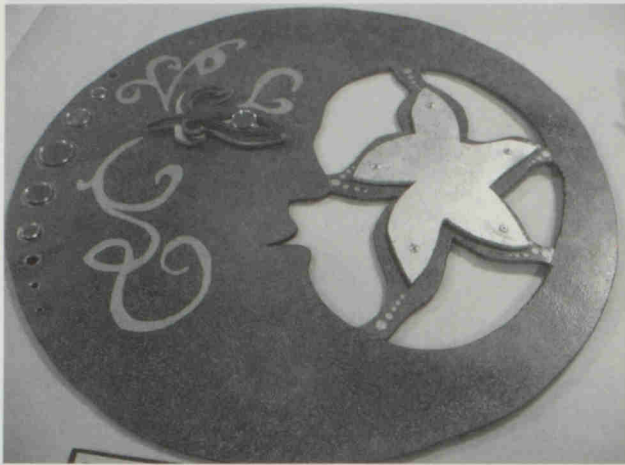


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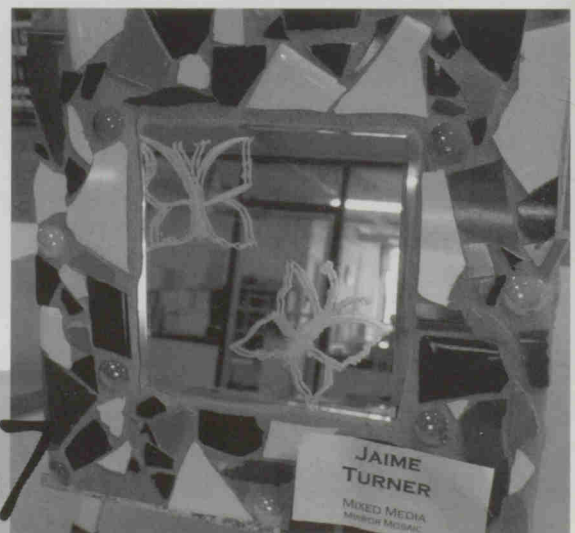
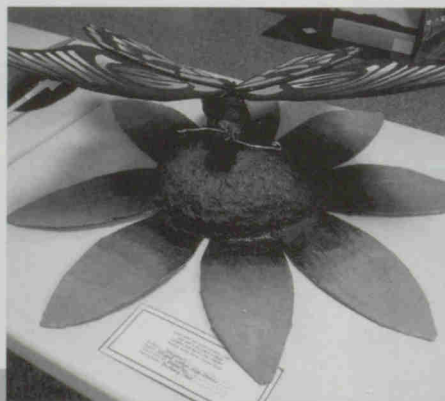
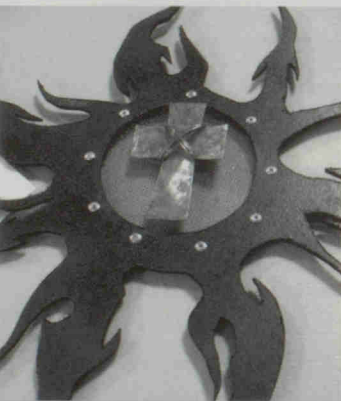
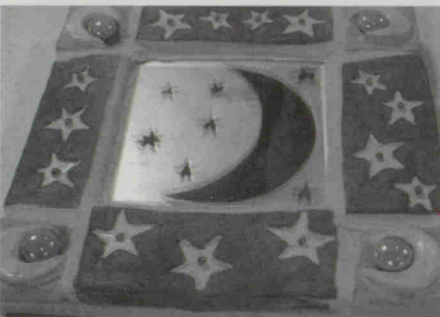






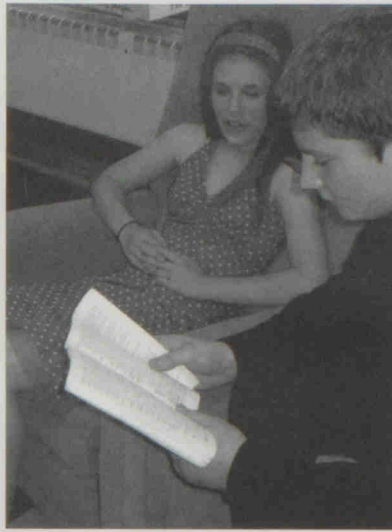
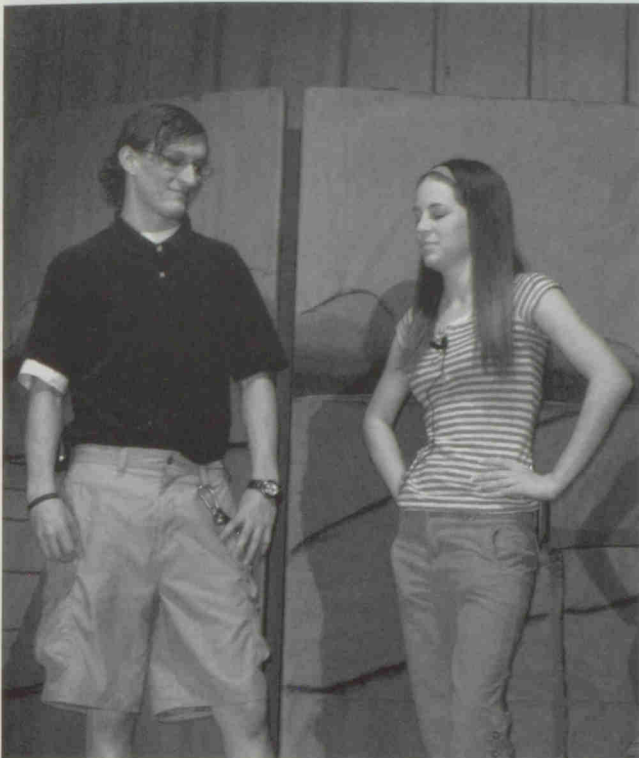


Top Left: "Moon & Star" by Samantha Day. Above: "Mountain Scene" by Haley Eads. Left: "Farm" by Hannah Reynolds. Below Far Left: "Moonbeam Mirror" by Samantha Day. Below Middle: "Trans Am" by Jake Landstrom. Below: "Senses Fail" by Jeremiah Coakley. Far Bottom Left: "Sun" by Keegan Followell. Far Bottom Middle: "Butterfly" by Brittany Rost. Far Bottom Right: "Butterfly Mosaic Mirror" by Jaime Turner.



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MIXED MEDIA  
Mosaic Mirror



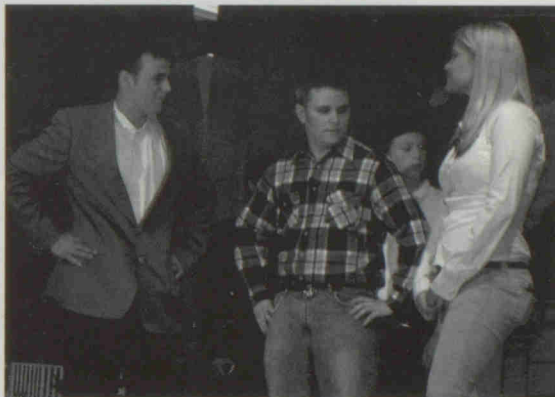
## Three One Act Plays

"It's Big Foot!"

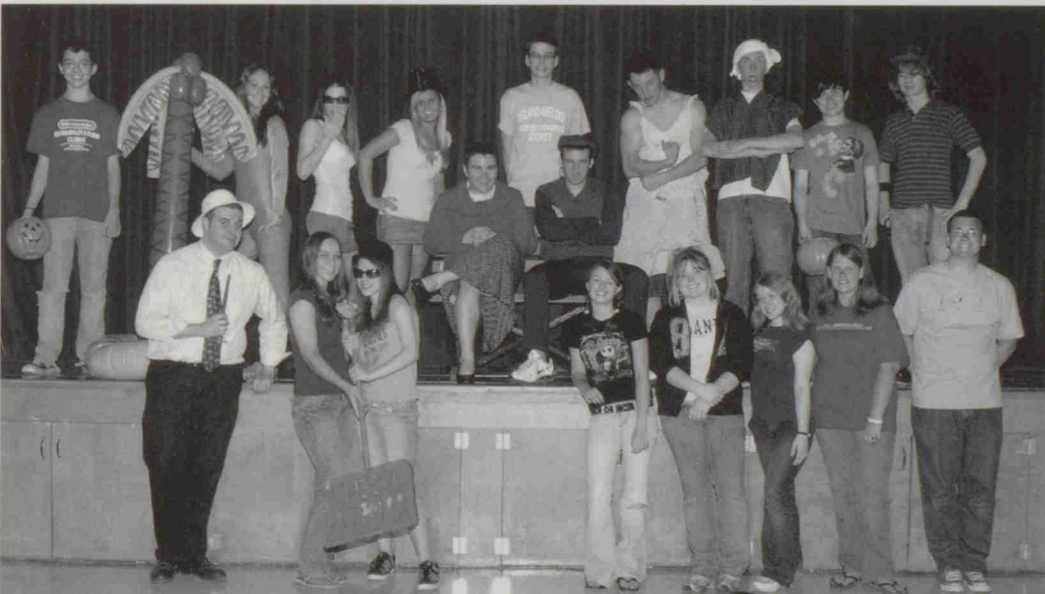
"An Imperfect Proposal"

"More Cowbell"

Above Right: In the quick and witty one act play, "More Cowbells," the producer (Neil Jacobs) talked the band into using more cowbell.  
Above: Hannah Day and Clayton Duff rehearse their lines before the plays begin. Left: Ben and Kate, played by Jarad Jones and Samantha Day discuss a very important issue that has come up in their relationship during the comical "Indecent Proposal."



Left: Tyler Weaver, Joe Bateman, and Brittany Rost discuss the demise of the "Moose Lodge" during the dramatic one act play, "It's Big Foot". Tyler played Sheriff Renfro, Joe was Big Moose, and Brittany played Penny, the daughter of Big Moose.



Above: The drama club of DWHS in their favorite garb, along with sponsor, Mr. R.; Above Right: Courtney Dalton patiently awaits her turn to go on stage. She played a guest of the Moose Lodge.



# Drama Club



# National Honor Society

Right: National Honor Society members. Neil Jacobs, Courtney Dalton, Jarad Jones, Samantha Day, and Nash Ramage.



# Lifesavers



Left: Top Row: Joe Bateman Tim Coakley, Josh Taylor, Jackie Sinks, and Nick Kmetz. Bottom Row: Courtney Dalton, Hannah Day, Hannah Reynolds, Bobbi Askins, Megan Nelbarger, along with sponsor Mrs. Schilawski.

# Scholastic Bowl



Left: Scholastic Bowl Members: Top Row: Jesse Hood, Hannah Day, and Jesse Bateman. Bottom Row: Courtney Dalton, Kelly Mank, Jon Brashear, Clayton Duff, Neil Jacobs, and Mrs. Amdor.

# Yearbook

Right: Yearbook Club Members. Top Row: Joe Bateman, Nash Ramage, Keegan Followell, Tyler Weaver, Josh Taylor, Hannah Reynolds, Molly Ingersol, Hannah Day, Jen Weddle, and Jesse Shonkwiler. Down the stairs in front: Danielle Sharp, Samantha Day, and Brittany Rost.

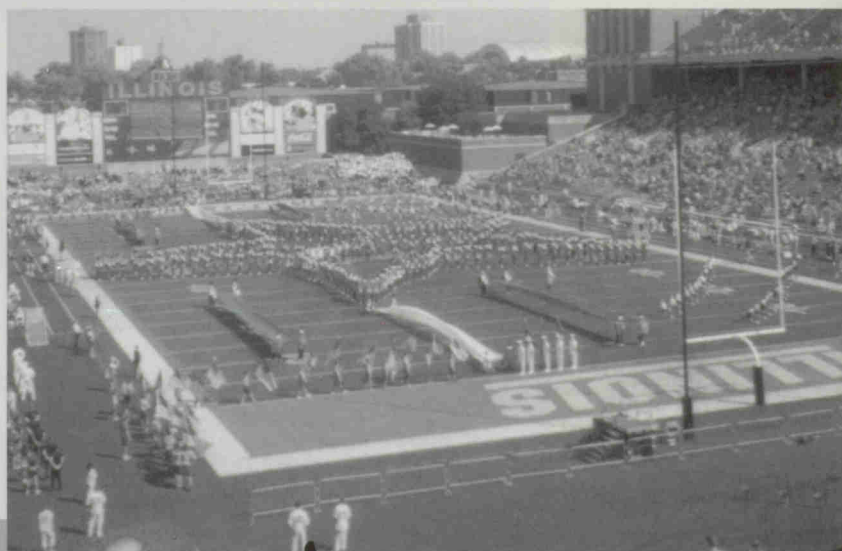






Top Left: DWHS Marching Eagles pose with Chief Illiniwick during his last year as the University of Illinois mascot. Top Right: DWHS Marching Eagles drum major, Joe Bateman is at ease during a break.

Above: This was not only the first year for a marching band since the 70s, but DWHS also added a flag squad to the group, who were especially helpful during parades. Above Right: Several marching band members patiently wait and watch at one of their competitions. Right: Taking a trip to the University of Illinois was the highlight of the marching band this year. They were able to march with many other high school bands and even watch the U of I marching band in action!



# Marching Band



Above: DWHS Band, along with Mr. R, the band director. Below: DWHS Choir, along with Mr. R, the choir director.



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# Spanish Club

Right and Below Left: Spanish Clubbers make a mad dash for the pinata goodies at their party to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Spain's Independence Day. Below Right: Spanish Club with their sponser. Top Row: Jackie Sinks, Jack Jordan, Caleb Neatherly, Zack Roberts, Jonathan Brashear, and Mrs. Ortega; Middle Row: Hannah Day, Jen Weddle, Megan Neilbarger, Justin Hood, Jesse Hood. Bottom Row: Clayton Duff, Ethan Jordan, Courtney Dalton, and Jesse Bateman. Bottom Left: Courtney Dalton takes a blindfolded whack at the ever popular pinata, which was made by the Spanish Club members and filled by Mrs. Ortega. Bottom Middle: C.J. Bradford and Zach Roberts duke it out during festivities. Bottom Left: Jon Brashear bats at the bouncing pinata.





# Student Council

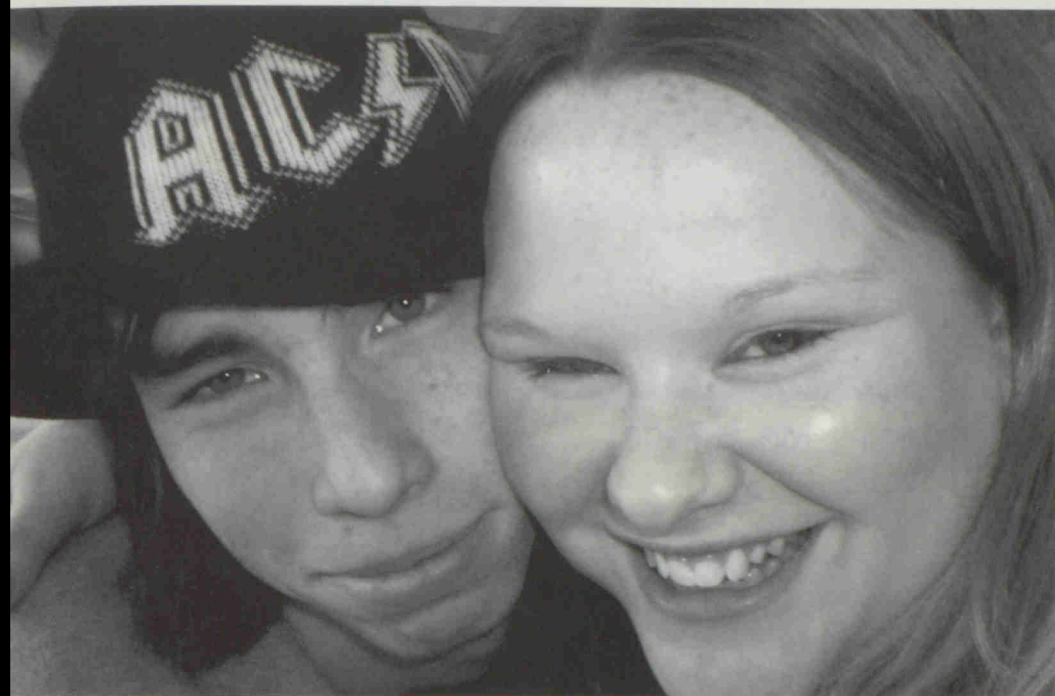


Top left: DWHS high schoolers enjoy a cookout in the foyer of the high school during the annual Student Council sponsored cookout. Above: Student Council members man the table at the annual cookout. Included on the menu this year was: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and various chips and desserts. Left: Student Council members with their adviser. Top row: Jack Jordan, Hannah Day, Ethan Jordan, Nash Ramage, and Mrs. Schilawski.; Bottom row: Jen Weddle, Samantha Day, Brittany Rost, and Danielle Sharp.

# Fun Times @ D-W High







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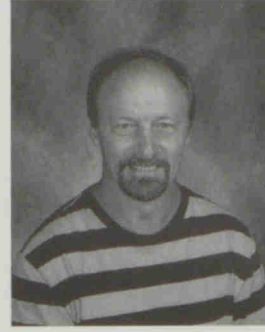
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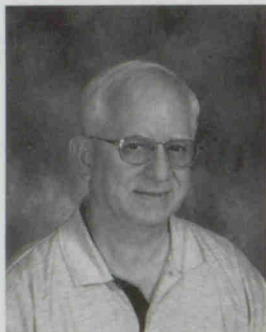
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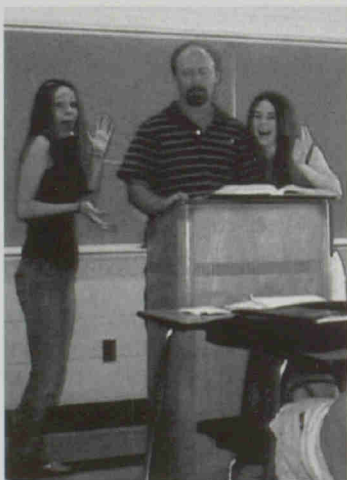
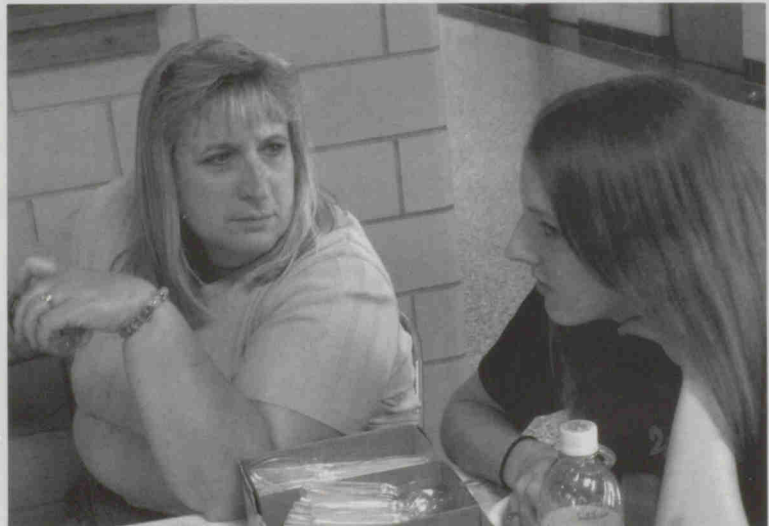
Mr. Reynolds



Mrs. Schilawski



Mrs. Sullivan



Upper Right: Mr. Rathgeber got to dress up for "Friend Day" as Tiny Tim. Mr. Corey "bought" hom for the day, and many people were entertained by his amazing guitar skills! Above: Mrs. Bragg converses with Jackie Sinks in the hallway. Above Left: Mrs. Amdor laughs with a chpmunk (or is it a turtle) and Tigger. Left: Mr. Cunningham is clearly astonished by Hannah Reynolds and Samantha Day.

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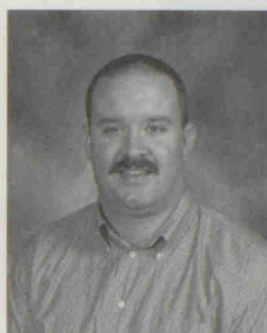
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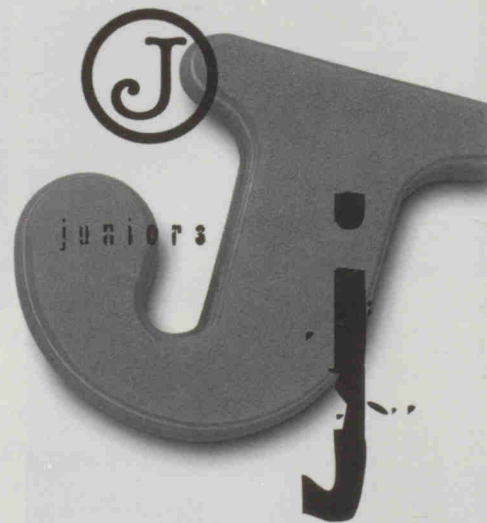


Left: Mrs. Ortega demonstrates to her Spanish Club what a "pinata stick" is...Above: Mr. Pray and Mrs. Amdor enjoy lunch with students at the Student Council Annual Cookout.



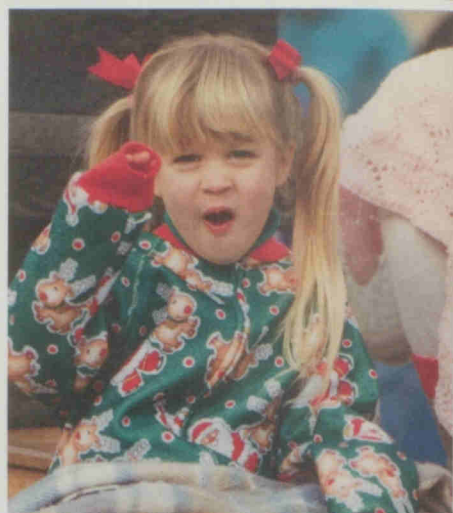


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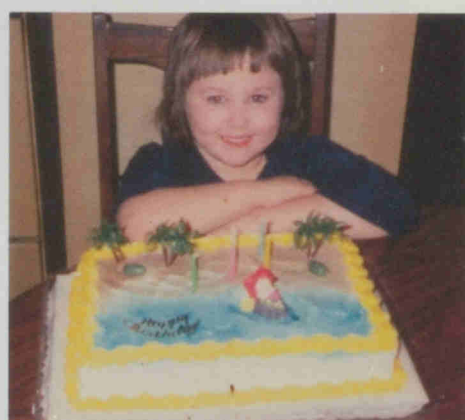


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Brittany Rost



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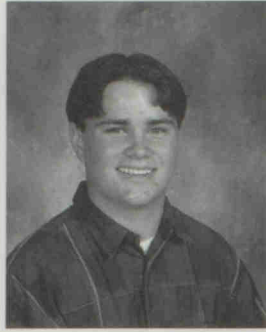


Neil Jacobs

# JUNIORS



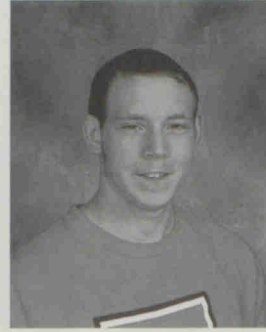
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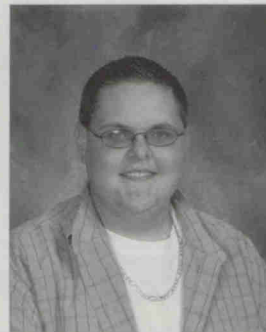
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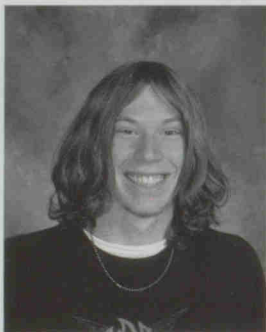
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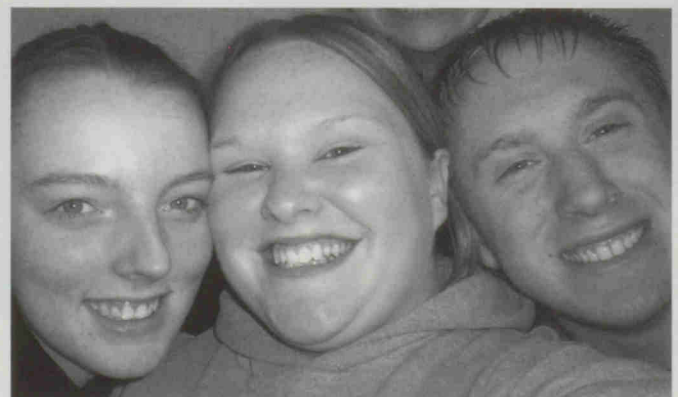
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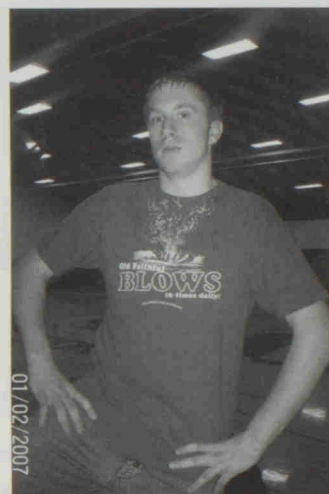
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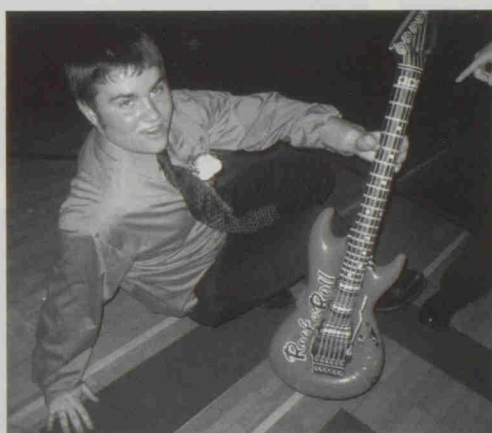
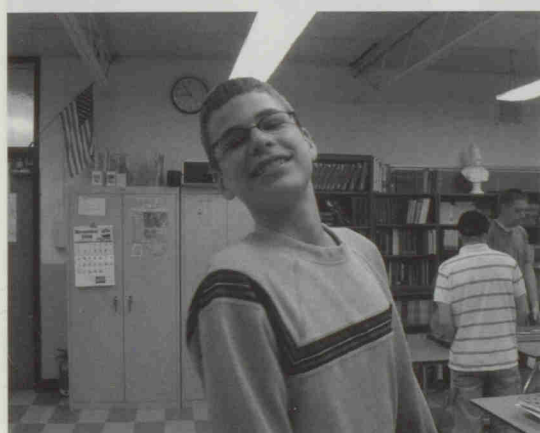


Below: Junior Class join together on C.J.'s truck with their Sponsor, Mr. Cunningham.

Right: Junior Jackie Sinks gives her best smile for the camera. Far Left: All dressed up for homecoming, Hannah Reynolds and Jen Weddle share smiles to help remember the night. Below Right: Junior Josh Taylor sports a fun shirt...or is he posing like Superman? Who knows...



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Far Left: Nick Kmetz cheeses it up after class. Left: Junior Jokerster Joe Bateman hams it up with an inflatable guitar. Above: Hannah Reynolds, Jen Weddle, Molly Ingersoll, and Samantha Day show little personal space!

Far Left: Friends and co-cheerleaders Samantha Day and Hannah take time for a quick picture to capture the moment. Left: Jackie Sinks, Brittany Norfleet, and Josh Taylor show their great smiles. Right: A few junior gals show us a different side.

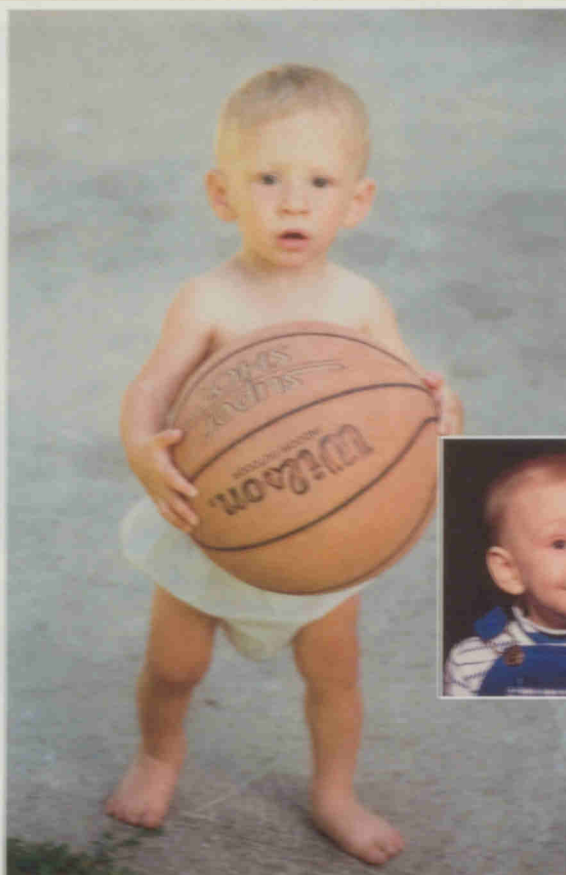


class of 2008





Jarrod Jones



Kelly Mark

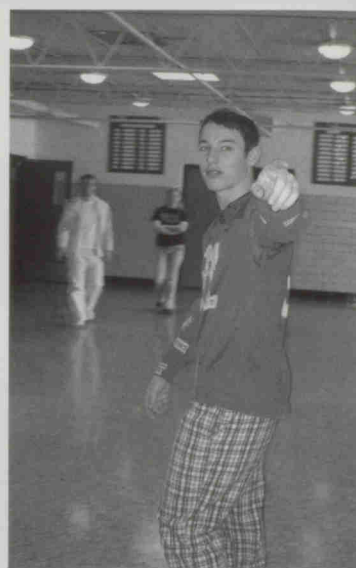
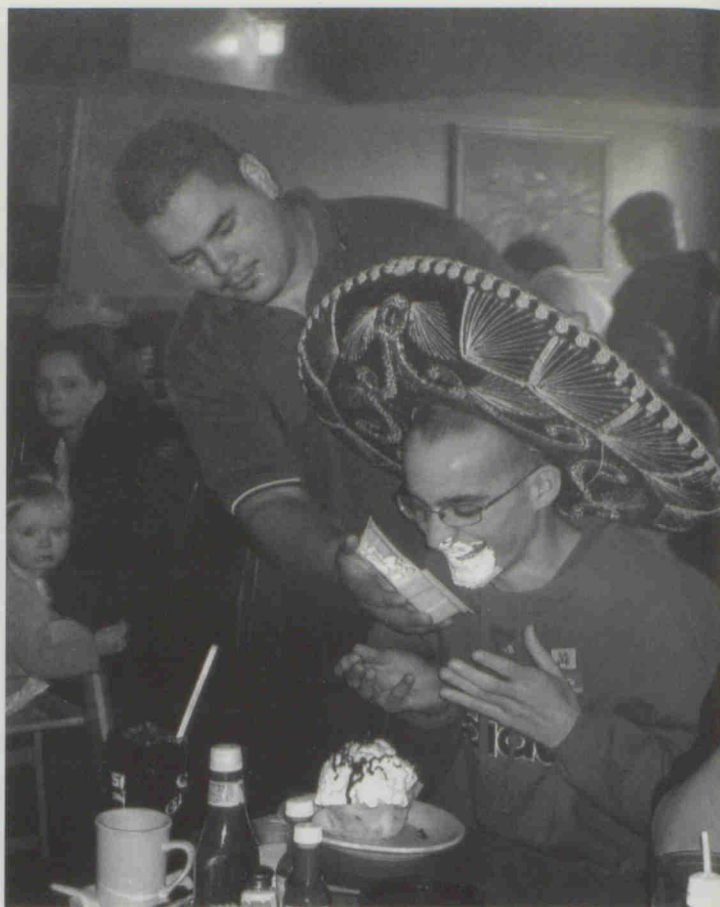
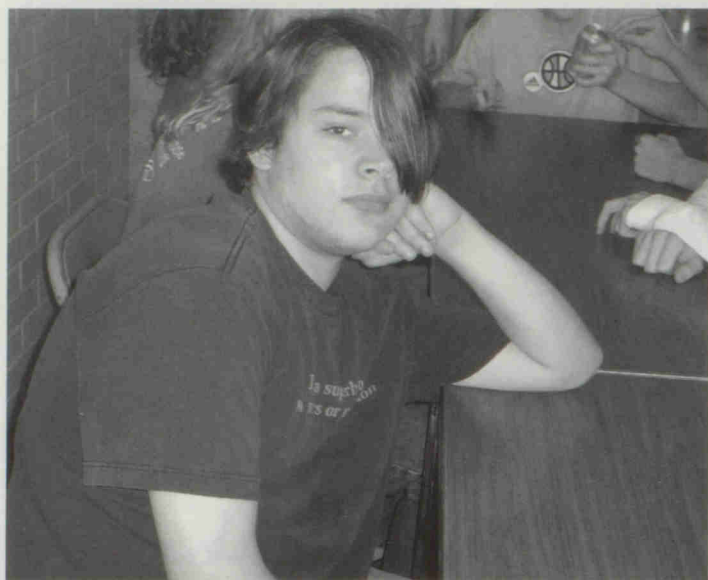


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Keegan Followell

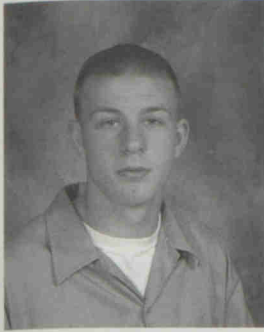
Below: David Deem enjoys a moment of peace before heading back to classes. Right: Caleb Neathery gets a face full of pie at a local Mexican restaurant. Below Middle: The sophomore class. Below Left: Junior Nash Ramage comes to school in his jammies for Homecoming Week. Bottom: Zach Roberts shows his moves on the basketball courts, which Jesse Shonkwiler watches.



class of **2009**



# S O P H O M O R E S



Kyle Berry



Courtney Dalton



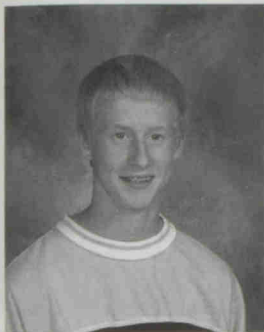
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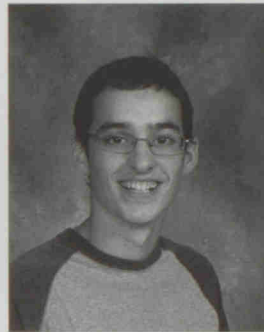
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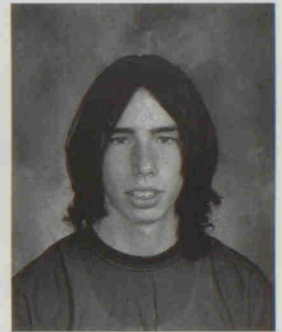
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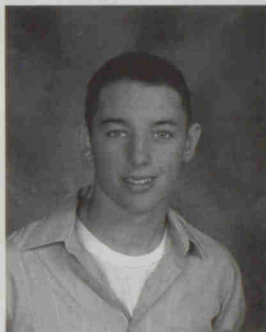
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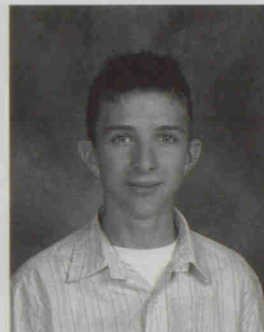
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Austin Porter



Nashua Ramage



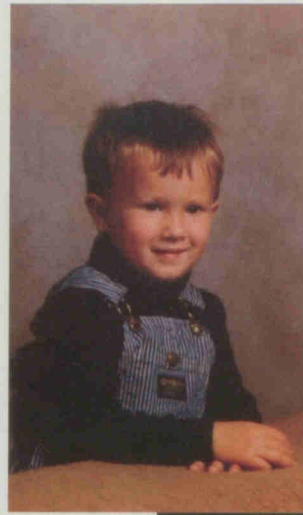
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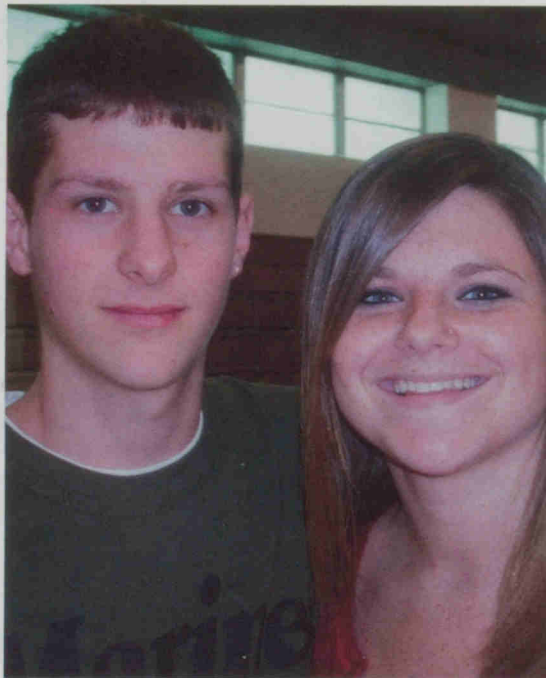
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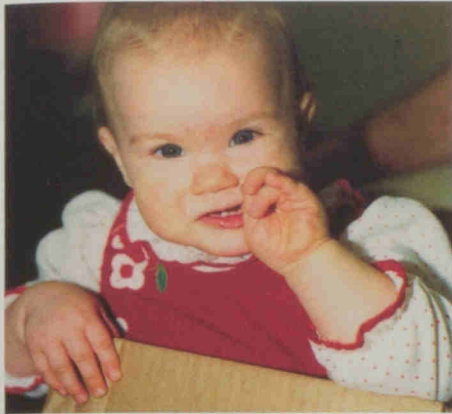
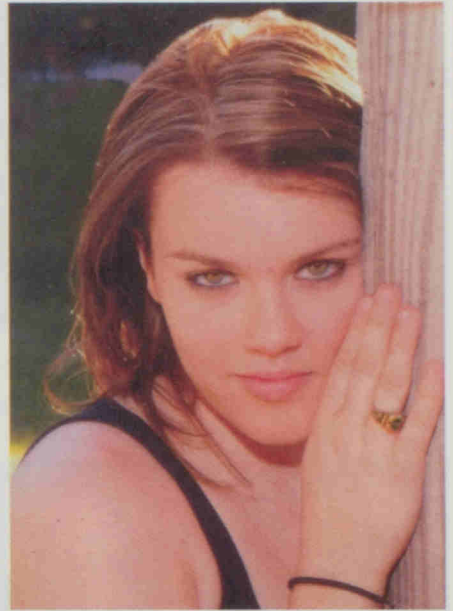
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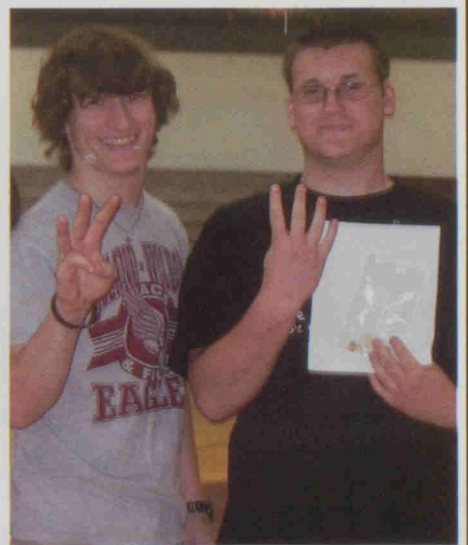
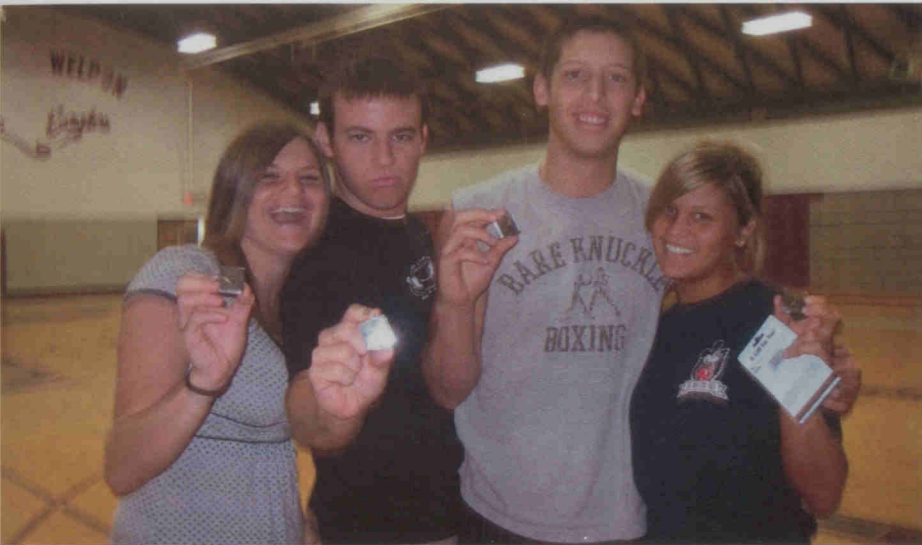
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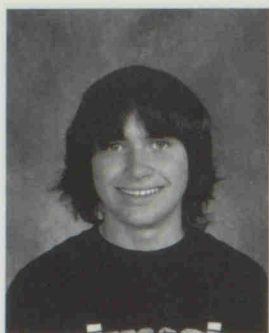


Brittany Fisher





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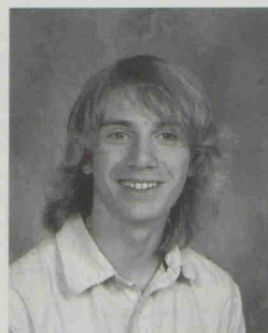
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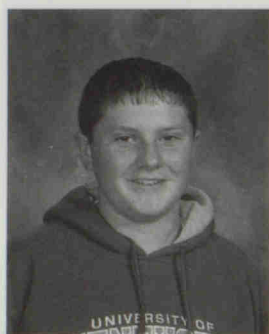
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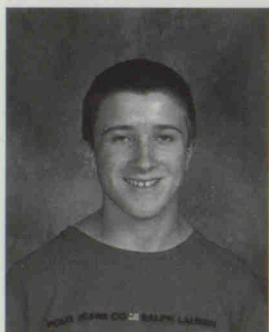
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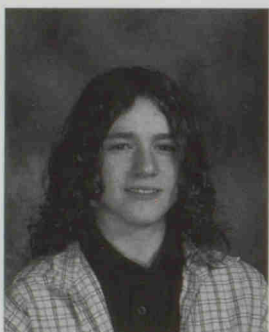
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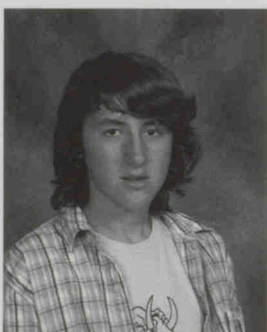
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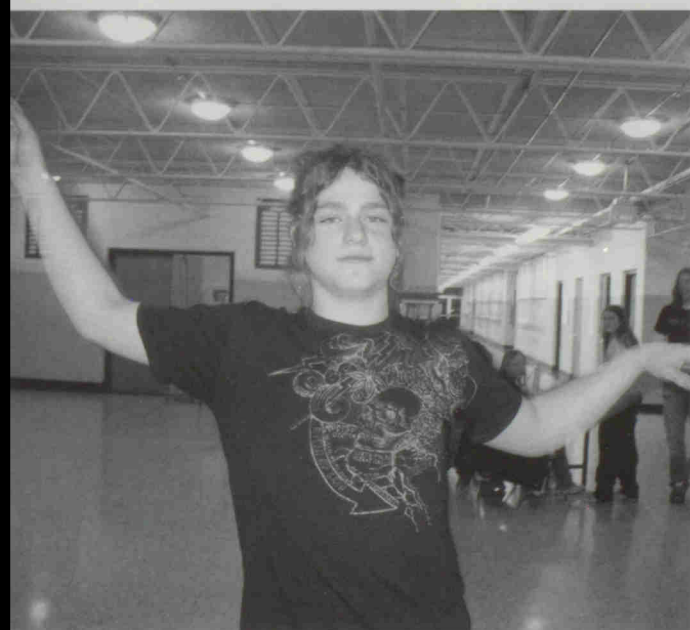
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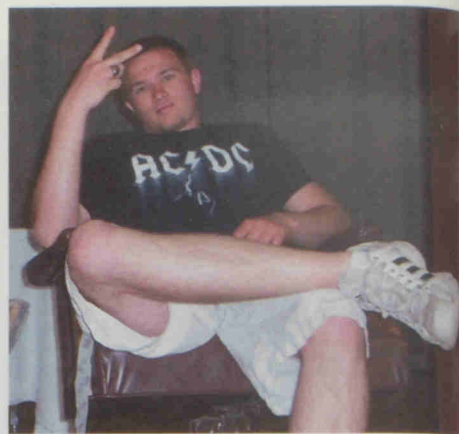
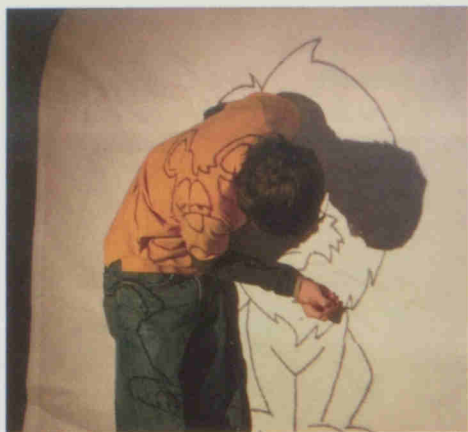
Left: Clayton Duff and Jesse Hood take a quick break in the hallway between classes. Below Two: Justin Hood and Hannah Day show their silly faces. Below Left: The freshman class poses with their sponsor, Mr. R.

# class of 2018

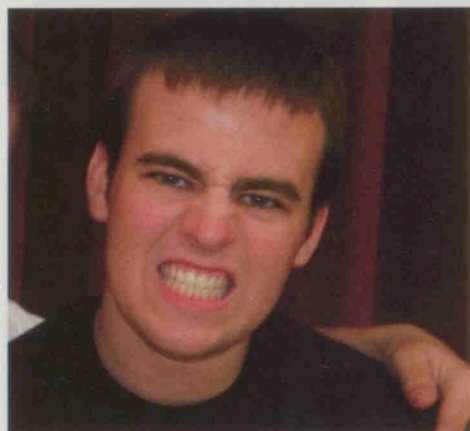


Far left: Ashley Taylor got all decked out for homecoming with the help of her cheerleading friends. Middle Left: Smiling freshman Jon Brashear loves being in high school. Left: Is Joe Mills doing karate? Above Left: Ethan Jordan brings his talents to school. Above Right: Awww...Jon Brashear brings a friend to school.





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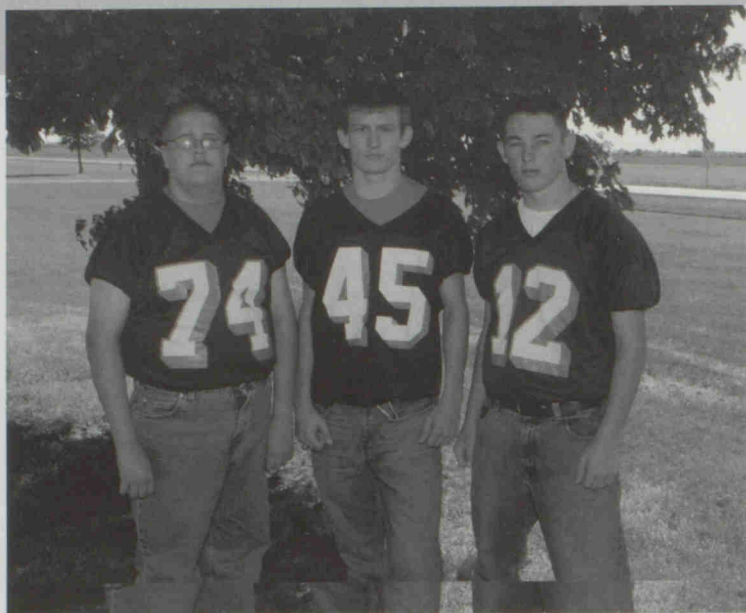




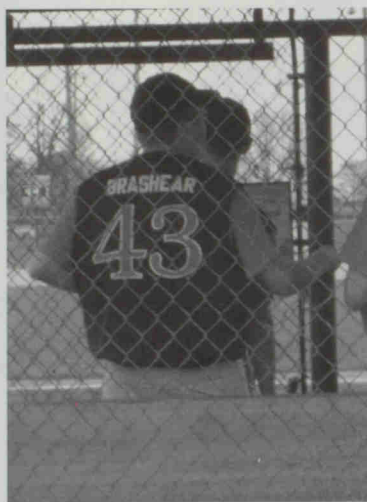


LEFT PAGE (Clockwise from Top Left): Senior working on Senior wall dec, Jarad, Craig, Brittany, Senior celebrating Homecoming festivities, Keegan, Danielle, Holden, Tyler, and Mike. Top Left: Brittany Rost and Holden Huisinga--friends for life. Top Right: It's tough being so few in number, but these girls showed us they could do it! Middle Left: Seniors join for a proud picture at their final prom. Above: Tyler Weaver and Keegan Followell get ready for some grub. Left: The senior boys have a silly moment between classes.

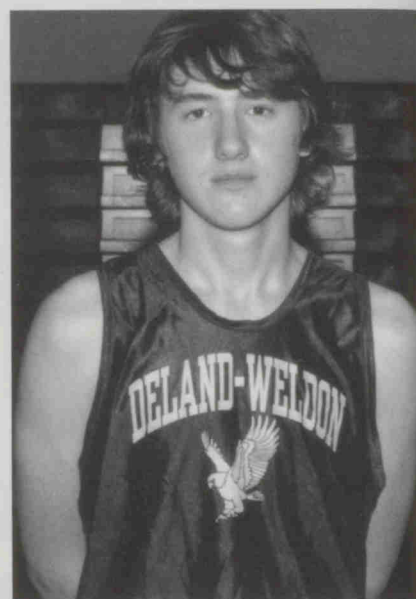
# CO-OP SPORTS & TRACK



Top Left: DWHS's representation on the Cerro Gordo team, Jon Brashear, Jarad Jones, and Nash Ramage. Above: Jarad Jones, Brittany Rost, and Nash Ramage pose at a bonfire celebration.



Right: Though the track team started with a promising 17 students, one lone student had the strength and endurance to finish, Nick Neumann.



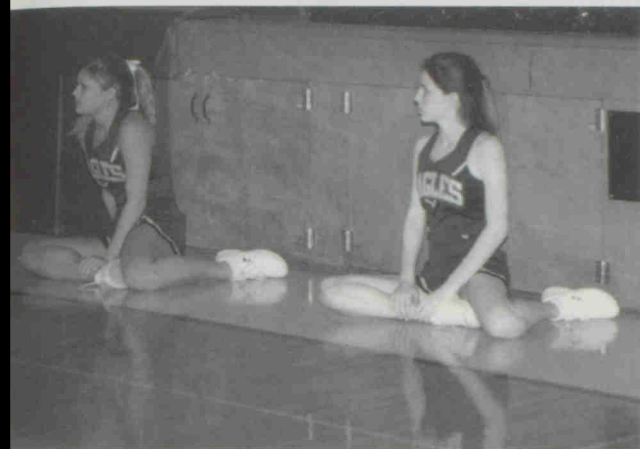
Upper Left: DWHS representation for the Cerro Gordo baseball team, Jon Brashear and Nash Ramage. Upper Right: Brashear supports his team and cheers on fellow batter from the bench. Far Left: Nash swings and scores for the team. Left: The team huddle for instruction from their coach.



# CHEERLEADING

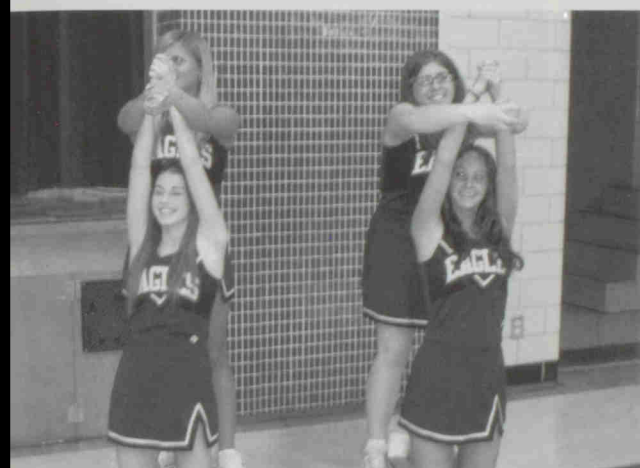


Top Left: Samantha and Ashley have a silly moment before a game starts.



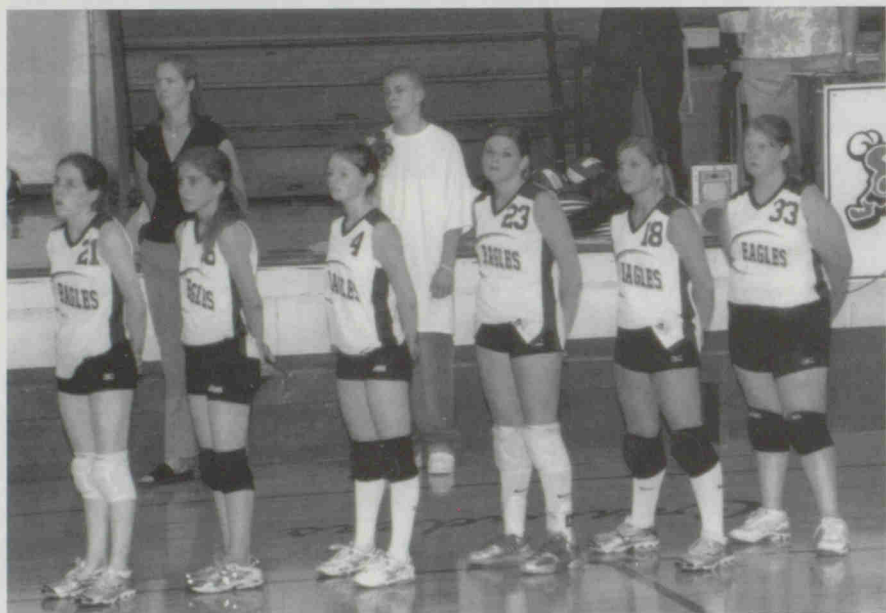
Above Left: Brittany and Samantha hold watch the game with great intensity. Above: DW Cheerleading squad (from L to R) Hannah Reynolds, Brittany Rost, Samantha Day, and Ashley Taylor. Left: The cheerleaders encourage a fellow Eagle basketball player during free throws. Bottom Left: The cheerleaders take a quick break from cheerleading camp to pose for a shot.

Below Middle: Cheering is what they do best! Show those spirit fingers! Below: Samantha is the appointed acrobat of the crew, and she does it with a smile!

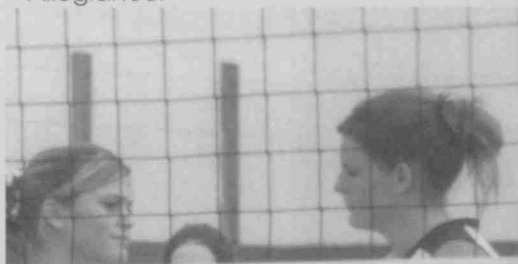




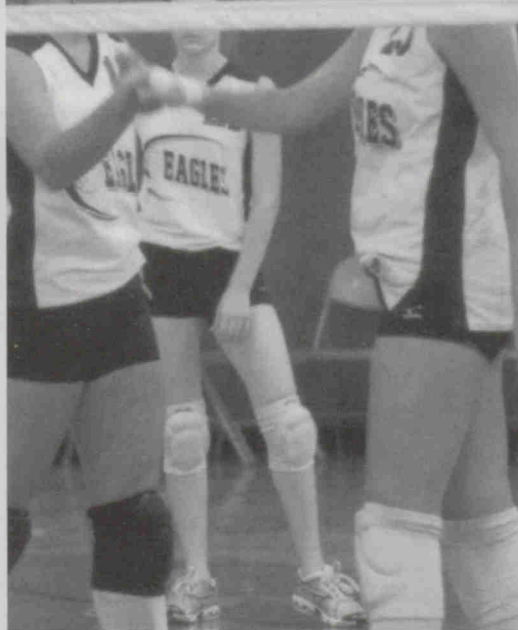
# VOLLEYBALL



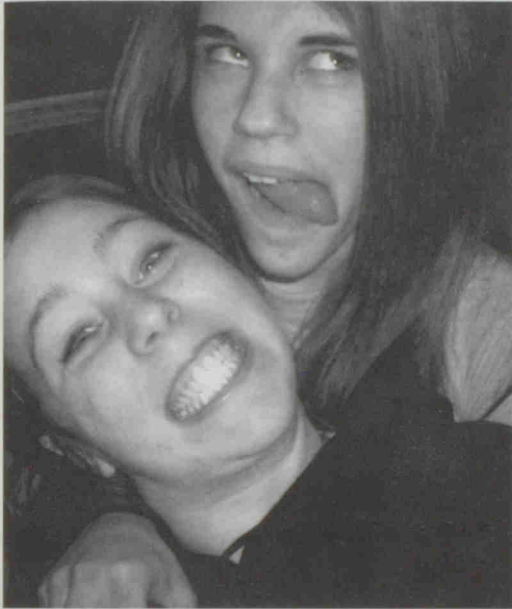
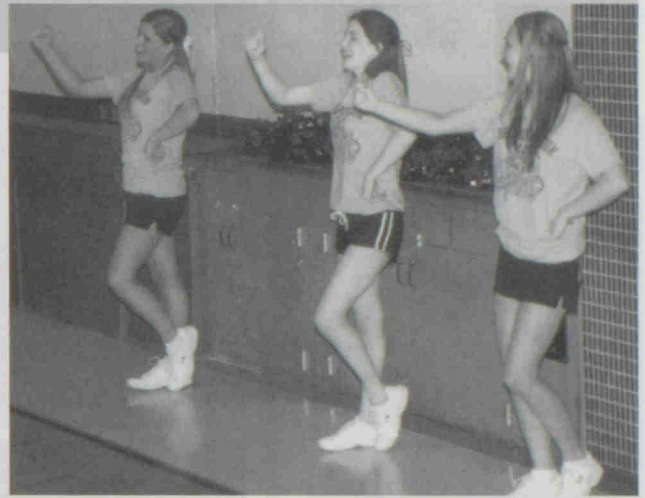
Top Left: Volleyball team. Top row: Jen Weddle, Hannah Day, Brittany Rost, Coach A., and Courtney Dalton. Bottom Row: Molly Ingersol, Danielle Sharp, and Samantha Day. Top Right: The team poses for a quick smile after a win! Left: The volleyball team respectfully poses during the Pledge of Allegiance.



Far Right: Senior teammates Brittany Rost and Danielle Sharp cheer each other on after a great move! Right: Brittany Rost, Danielle Sharp, Hannah Day, and Courtney Dalton cheer each other on.



# DWHS SPORTS SHOTS





Right: Nash shoots  
a free-throw at  
Buckley.  
Below: Bryson  
makes an  
inbounds pass.



Below: Varsity and  
Jr. Varsity Teams  
pose with Coach  
A.



Above: Keegan  
blocks a shot at  
Decatur Christian.  
Right: Jarad busts  
through a runout  
sign. Left: Jarad  
shooting a free-  
throw at home.



# BOY'S BASKETBALL

Above: Team  
huddle!





Left: The Lady Eagles gather around the goal for free throws. Left Below: Lady Eagles with Coach V. (from left to right), Top Row: NAME, Jackie Sinks, Molly Ingersol, and Courtney Dalton. Bottom Row: Ashley Taylor, Hannah Day, and Megan Neibarger. Far Bottom: Lady Eagles fight for the ball in their best defensive mode. Below: Hannah Day puts her best foot forward guarding offensively.



# GIRL'S BASKETBALL



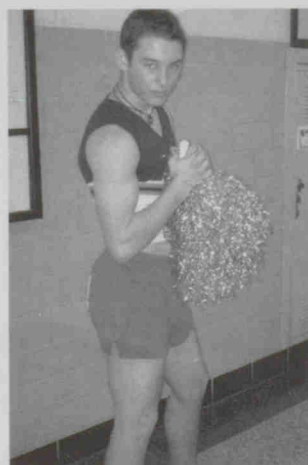
Above: Keegan Followell, Clayton Duff, Nash Ramage, Jake Landstrom, and Brittany Rost enjoy a week of school spirit! Right: Joe Mills and Ethan Jordan enjoy their dress up days during Homecoming Spirit Week.



# Homecoming



Above Across (from left to right): Freshman Wall Dec - "Say Hello to my Little Friends," Sophomore Wall Dec - "We Want to Play a Little Game," Junior Wall Dec (Champion) - "Bring Down the House on the Cowardly Lions," and Senior Wall Dec - "Walk of Fame VS. Walk of Shame." Below Right: Students share their school spirit by dressing up during Homecoming Week.







Far Left: Becky Gum reads a poem for her peers. Middle Left: Jack Jordan, Mr. Corey, Hannah Day, Mr. R, and Haley Eads pause for a moment after the performance in the cafeteria. Below Left Two: Students participates in activities for Homecoming 2007, "Guess the Basketball Player's Leg" and artwork for the annual class competition Wall Decorations.

# 2007



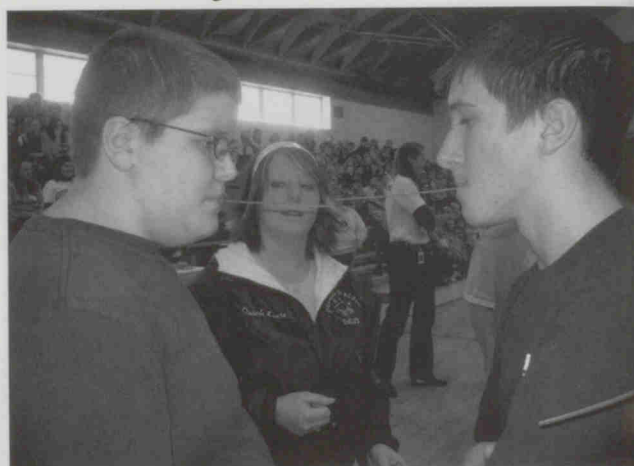


Right: The freshman class digs through collections as they strive for a win during one of the games at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Below: Sophomores duke it out with the Junior class at "tug-o-war." For the first time in a long time, the Sophomore class beat the Staff during the Tug-o-War competition.



# Homecoming

Right: Keegan Followell represents the seniors in the "Fluffy Bunny" contest, where contestants stuffed as many large marshmallows as possible. Far Right: Jon Brashear and Jake Landstrom play the "Lifesaver and straws" game, while Kacie Fink watches to make sure they followed the rules. Below: DWHS students get ready for the Scooter Game. Below Right: Mr. R. joins the junior high and high school band as they jam for the Homecoming Pep Rally.





Far Left: Prom King Keegan Followell and Queen Brittany Rost share their first royal dance. Left: Some of the boys have fun with the YMCA. Below: Buds forever...Keegan Followell, Joe Bateman, Nash Ramage, Tyler Weaver, and Jesse Hood enjoy a moment at the dance.



# 2007



Far Left: Homecoming Court (from left to right): Hannah Day, Tim Cookley, Haley Eads, Nash Ramage, Danielle Sharp, Tyler Weaver, Samantha Day, Joe Bateman, Brittany Rost, and Keegan Followell. Left: Molly Ingersol and a friend show their sweet sides during the Homecoming dance. Bottom Far Left: Several beauties gather with the Homecoming Queen for a quick shot. Bottom Left: Molly Ingersol and Tim Cookley share a moment during one of the slow dances.





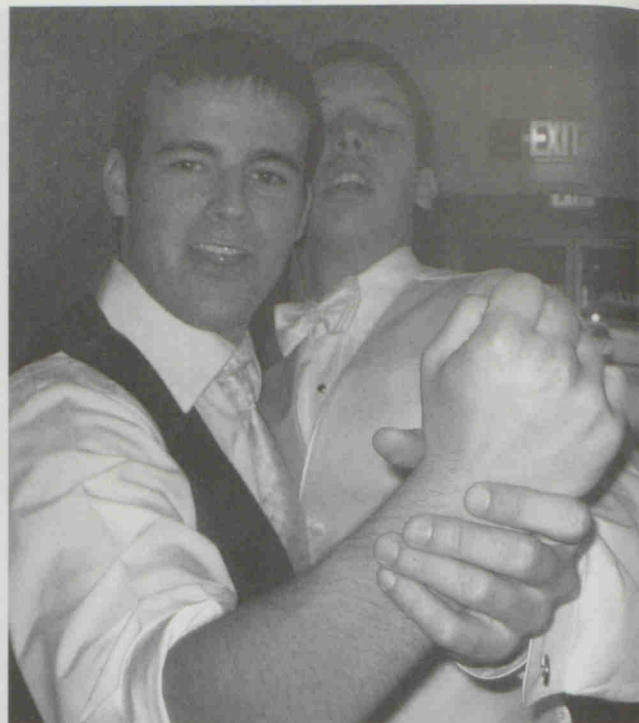


Top: Joe Bateman, Keegan Followell, Josh Taylor, Tyler Weaver, and Jordan Followell show their best choreography while groovin' to the music.

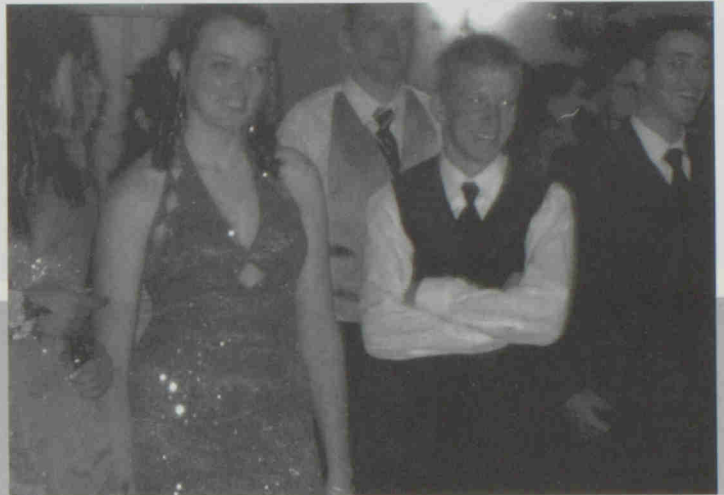
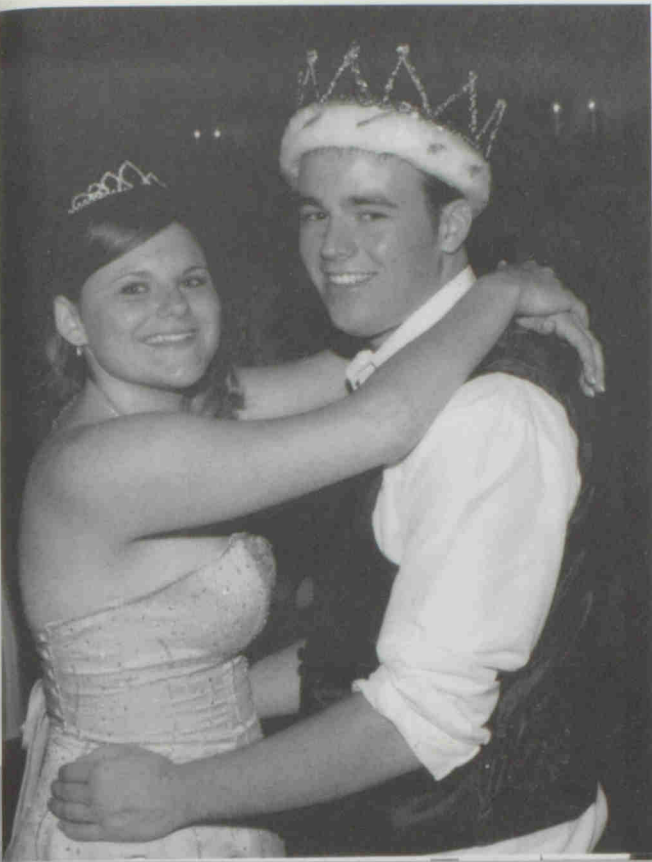
Right: Keegan Followell takes the Prom Queen's place and shares a dance with Prom King, Tyler Weaver.

Below Right: Bryson Boyd takes a quick break in between dancing and fun to relax. Below: Prom goes gather on the dance floor to join together on a group dance. Prom 2007 took place at the Farmer City Country Club.

# Prom

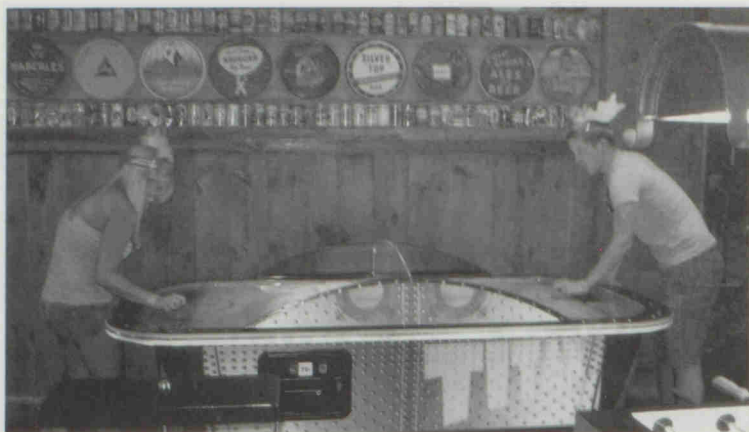






Above: Prom Queen and King, Danielle Sharp and Tyler Weaver share their royal dance as crowned couple. Top Right: Tyler Weaver, Keegan Followell, and Joe Bateman pose all "gussied up" for the big dance. Above Right: Prom goers observe something quite funny from the sidelines. Right: Brittany Rost and Samantha Day, all glammed up for the special event, take a moment to share a smile. Far Right: Danielle Sharp looks fabulous in her detailed dress fit for a "queen." Below Right: Kelly Mank shares a smile as she experiences her first DWHS Prom. Below: Brittany Rost and Keegan Followell pose with Mrs. Hermann and her husband before the festivities.





## WHO

2007 Seniors Jarad Jones, Danielle Sharp, Brittany Rost, Tyler Weaver, Keegan Followell, Neil Jacobs, along with sponsors Todd and Lori Weaver.

# Senior Class Trip

## WHAT

Annual Senior Trip.

## WHEN

May 27-June 1.

## WHERE

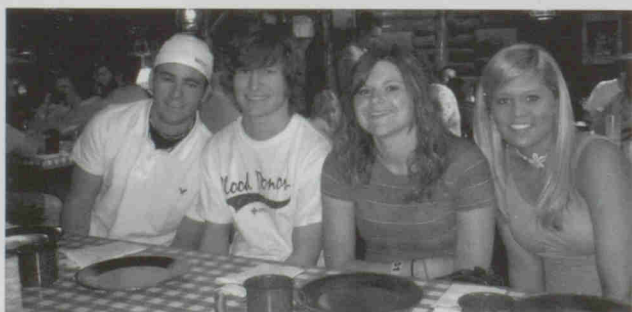
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Below: Neil Jacobs receives a plaque for four years perfect attendance from Mr. Corey. Right: A happy Mike Sinks has his last act as a high school student--getting his diploma.



# Graduation

Right: Friends celebrate this milestone together. Going to school for up to 13 years together makes lifelong friends out of classmates. Far Right: Senior class poses before graduation. Below Right: Brittany Rost surprises everyone with silly string after she gets her diploma. Below Far Right: The graduating class of 2007 has one last silly moment together.



**MAY 26,  
2007**

Left: Dan Koneig addresses the aspiring Class of 2007. Below Left: Valedictorian Jarad Jones gives his words of wisdom that he learned from DelWel. Below: Keegan Followell, Brittany Rost, Jarad Jones, Tyler Weaver, and Danielle Sharp pose for one last group shot in their graduation gear.



*"Success is a journey,  
not a destination."*

*~ Ben Sweetland ~*

Above Left: Tyler Weaver and Danielle Sharp give a speech together. Far Left: Principal Mr. Corey reminisces on memories created by the graduating class. Left: Vice President of the School Board Jack Swartz gives out the diplomas to the excited seniors.



Our DWHS students learned a little about "the system" and justice this year. With Joe Bateman leading the way, DWHS students boycotted Aaramar, our cafeteria services, to show how serious their suggestions were. Each student brought in food to share, and the high school had somewhat of a "potluck" for lunch. Aaramar brought a representative in, and students asked for additional choices for lunch.



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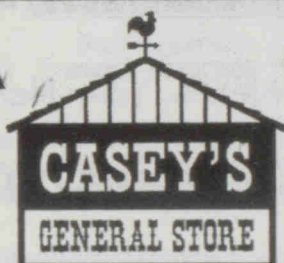
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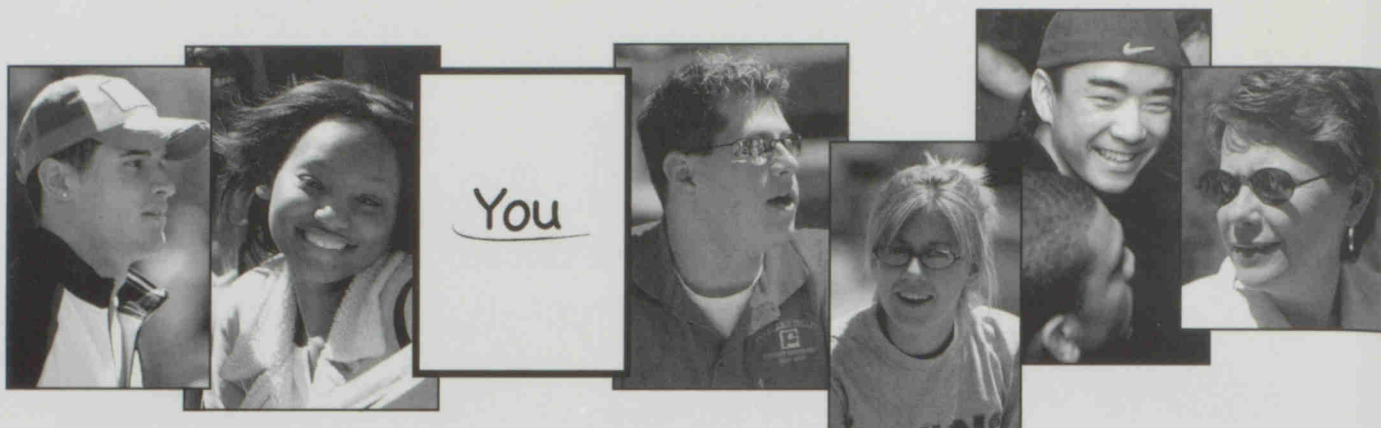
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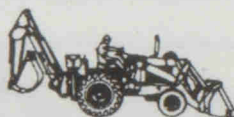
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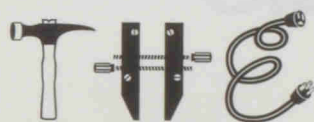
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One year ago, I hadn't gone through the drama of dealing with landlords at a 80 year old living space...I hadn't been a teacher yet...I had never been in love ...I had never had the priveledge of putting together a yearbook in less than 5 months...

You know, change is inevitable and it's what we chose to do with change that shows our character. Our seniors are moving on to a new chapter in life. The rest of us are here @ DWHS growing as we go through this adventure called "life."

I truly have learned so much in this past year. I am blessed to teach with some of the greatest teachers I have come in contact with. Thanks, girls! I am also blessed with the 2 best assistant teachers that a girl could have! I couldn't do it without you!

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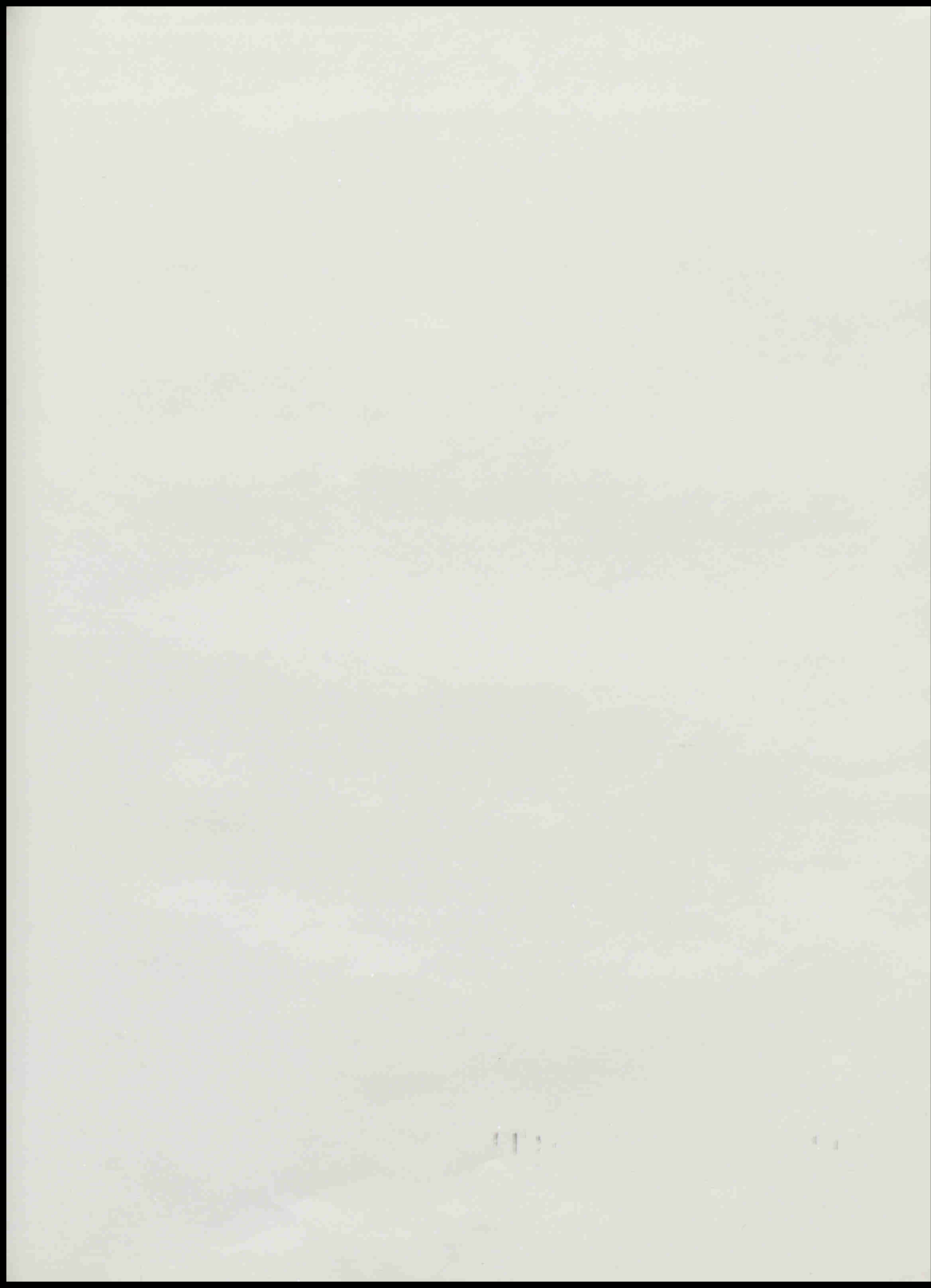
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Enjoy life!



Joslyn Williamson,  
Yearbook Adviser

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